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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 28 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Economic Community and its member States on the situation in south Lebanon, issued at Lisbon and Brussels on 27 May 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 35 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement on the situation in South Lebanon issued at Brussels and Lisbon on 27 May 1992 by the European Economic Community

The Community and its member States express their grave concern at the recent worsening of the situation in south Lebanon. They strongly reiterate their condemnation of all acts of violence in the region, whatever their origin. Such acts of violence have already led to the loss of the lives of innocent civilians and those of United Nations personnel in the area and threaten to undermine the Middle East process, as well as the authority of the newly installed Government of Lebanon. Bearing this in mind, the Community and its member States appeal to the parties involved to refrain from any military actions and to respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Lebanon, in accordance with Security Council resolution 425 (1978), which should be fully implemented.